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During a special called meeting Monday, Sept. 20th

Elba City Council approves settlement agreement contingent upon resignation from Chief of Police

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a special meeting called Monday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 p.m., the Elba City Council voted to approve a settlement agreement with Police Chief Leslie Hussey, if the chief resigns his position as Chief of Police in Elba.

The meeting took just over 3 minutes from start to finish. No specific details were provided in the meeting as to what led to the settlement agreement.

"The only thing on the agenda is the settlement agreement," Maddox said. "We have talked about the chief and his resignation. He has agreed if we will compensate him with half of his sick leave and his vacation time in one check that he will submit his resignation to the council."

Council member Jane Brunson made a motion to approve the settlement agreement. Council member A R Williams provided a second to the motion.

The mayor asked if there was any discussion. Council member Gappa Wise asked for the terms to be repeated, and city clerk Sally Bane said it included payment for half of the chief's sick leave and all his vacation time.

There was no further discussion in the open meeting nor was an executive session called to discuss the matter. All council members and the mayor voted in favor of the motion.

After the vote, Mayor Maddox said he did have a letter written to him and any of the council members that wanted to read it from one of the dispatchers at the police department. He did not share anything from the letter, only told council members they could read it at any time if they so desired.

A motion was made to adjourn. After voting to adjourn, the council returned to a work session it had begun prior to the special meeting - the work session was to discuss details of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

Board attorney Bart Boothe was not at the council meeting, and the city clerk posed a question to him [for the council] via telephone regarding the next steps if Hussey did submit his resignation.

"I know there will be a lot of talk. I know there is a lot of support for the chief," Mayor Maddox said after the group returned to the work session. "I am not planning to go into any of the details with

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UNINHABITED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE DESTROYED IN FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE...The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Friday night, Sept. 17, just after 10 p.m. to a fully involved structure fire at the corner of Plant Avenue and Guyton Stree in Elba. This was later determined to be a vacant home with no electrical power going to the structure. The New Brockton Volunteer Fire and Enterprise Fire departments were called on for mutual aid. Also, Enterprise Rescue was dispatched to the scene to standby for firefighter safety. Upon arrival on scene, the firefighters found the structure fully engulfed in flames with partial collapse to the structure. The firefighters immediately began a defensive attack on the fire to extinguish the large blaze. All fire and hot spots were put out before units returned to service nearly two hours after first being dispatched to the scene. The vacant, uninhabitable structure was a total loss, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Elba City and Coffee County schools extend mask mandates indefinitely as COVID-safety precaution

Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools each announced Thursday, Sept. 16, that the indoor facial coverings mandate established Aug. 23rd would be extended indefinitely.

"Elba City Schools will extend the mask mandate at this time until further notice as we have seen a decrease in both positive cases of

COVID and sending close-contact students home," said Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley. "This mandate is for all indoor events as well as during the day in the school building."

Coffee County Schools Superintendent Kelly Cobb she is encouraged by the progress made since putting an indoor mask mandate in place, and she said she felt it was necessary to extend the mask mandate inside all Coffee County School building until further notice [this includes the schools of Kinston, Zion Chapel, and New Brockton].

The masks are required for all students, faculty, and staff at the schools until further notice. This includes Pre-K through Grade 12.

Both superintendents said there had been a decrease in the number of COVID cases at their school, as well as, a decrease in the number of students being sent home to quarantine due to a close-contact since the mask mandates were established.

"With this mandate we will only have to send home students and staff who are positive or show symptoms," Moseley said. "This will keep more students in school and able to receive face-to-face instruction."

He said it is very important for everyone to appropriately wear a mask at all times, except when eating, exercising or being outdoors.

"As mentioned above, our COVID numbers are improving, and this is encouraging," Cobb said. "The district will continue with no restrictions on outdoor activities. In addition, we will not require the isolation of close contacts as long as the student is symptom-free."

Cobb said the only exception would be cases of COVID at home. If there is a diagnosed case of COVID inside a household, she said the student/staff member should contact the school nurse, follow ADPH guidelines, and follow the process for quarantine.

For the week of Sept. 7-14, Cobb said Zion Chapel School had two COVID cases, New Brockton Elementary had seven cases, New Brockton High School had 10 cases, and Kinston School had eight cases.

"If your child is unable to wear a mask due to health issues, you must call the school nurse or principal and supply the documentation from a physician," Moseley added. "We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate this pandemic and keep kids in school."

Keep the child at home if he/she is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID or any infectious disease, Cobb said.

"We do ask that you be vigilant in monitoring your child's own health," she said.



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN CROWNED...During the 2021 Homecoming Coronation ceremony held last Friday morning, Sept. 17, inside the Elba High School gymnasium, senior Nevaeh Sanders was crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen. Elba High School Principal Wynn Grimes had the honor of crowning Sanders after she was announced as the Homecoming Queen (shown above). Grimes was assisted in the crowning by Little Miss Elbala Cate Capps. Also pictured is Paxton Wise. He was Sanders classmate escort for the Coronation ceremony.

During budget work session held Monday Elba City Council discusses possible funding for School Resource Officers

The Elba City Council held a lengthy work session Monday, Sept. 20, to discuss details for the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget. The council is expected to approve the budget at its Monday, Sept. 27, regular meeting.

A noteworthy item coming from the budget talks was the possibility of adding a School Resource Officer [SRO] through the Coffee County Sheriff's Office to the campus at Elba City Schools.

Mayor Tom Maddox said there had been discussions between the school, city, and county [sheriff's office]

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COVID-19 Related Reminder:

Coffee County EMA officials remind citizens of the availability of FEMA's Funeral Assistance program regarding COVID-19 related deaths.

FEMA has provided over \$1.1 billion to nearly 170,000 people to assist with COVID-19-related funeral costs for deaths occurring on or after Jan. 20, 2020.

Applicants may apply by calling the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at: 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time; Multilingual services are available.

Please note, phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Applicants who use a relay service, such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel, should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to them for that service so that agency representatives are able to contact them.

Additional information about COVID-19 funeral assistance, including frequently asked questions, is available on FEMA.gov.

Area Happenings

A "SCHOOL SPIRIT PARADE" is set for Friday, Sept. 24, on Elba City Schools campus. This is being held in place of the Homecoming Parade that had to be canceled last Friday due to the weather. All Elba Tigers are invited to come out and show their school spirit and pride! To join the parade, feel free to decorate cars, golf carts, or walk with posters [or bring those decorated Homecoming floats]. The lineup will be at the bus shop on campus, and the parade will begin at 1:45 p.m. It will follow the road to the first entrance behind the elementary school and continue down that road past the high school gym. At the end of the gym road, the entries will pull back on the main school road and enter the [high school] student parking lot at the second entrance (the one closest to the practice field). Everyone will go into the gym for the Pep Rally following the parade. The community is invited to attend and/or participate in both the parade and the pep rally. Masks should be worn in the gym for the pep rally.

THE JACK DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., on the practice field of Zion Chapel School. There is no admission charge. The festival will include food, arts and crafts, games, entertainment, a car show, cow patty drop, auction, and much more. All proceeds benefit community service and literacy projects in Jack, Ala.



ELBA CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW CHILDCARE MINISTRY...Recently, Westside Baptist Church opened the Westside Childcare Ministry to offer parents a Bible-based daycare facility for children ages 6 weeks old through ages 4 years old in Elba. The children are introduced to Bible stories and activities, they receive age-appropriate curriculum, breakfast and lunch. The facility is located at Westside Baptist Church, 1026 Caroline Street in Elba. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 21, the Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony as Elba officially welcomed the childcare ministry to business. Pastor Ken Wilson and other church leaders were joined by Elba City and Chamber officials and queens of Elba for the ribbon cutting (as shown above).

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success." -Albert Schweitzer

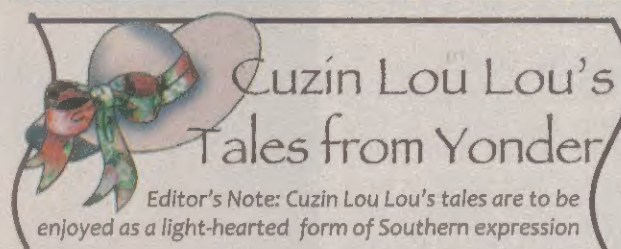
We should never let our brain, nor our friends, imply that we know and have seen it all. This past weekend is case in point . . . there was a shooting in Pennsylvania, and three young adults were hospitalized with gunshot wounds. Law officers reported there was apparently an argument over the gifts at a baby shower! Now you must explain to us what motivated, even the slightest argument over baby shower gifts, but do it slowly, as the idea of such an event ever occurring just doesn't click very well in our brain.

Daylight Savings Time officially ends for this year at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 7th. The game plan is for us to reset our clocks before going to bed Saturday night and get up the next morning when the clock indicates it is 'get up time.' Sounds easy, but twice a year this action confuses our sleep cycle and us old folks don't need any more things to interrupt our beloved naps! A month or so later the time change becomes the norm - until the next clock change comes along. You can't fight it, so just let your clock 'fall back' one hour Saturday night. Oh, you can blame Ben Franklin for this exercise in confusion. He started it in 1784 with what he later described as a tongue-in-cheek 'letter to the editor' of a French newspaper to fine residents who had their candles lit after a certain time at night! Anyway, it really caught on during the two world wars as a (questionable) wartime energy saver.

Well this month the American citizens have broken another record. The death toll from COVID has surpassed that of the flu epidemic of 1918-19! That virus felled about 675,000 over the course of its rampage. Now we break that record number, even with a protective shot available . . . but so many so-called normal citizens contend - taking that shot might invade on someone's freedom (as if lying in a hospital bed plugged up to a machine does not curtail someone's freedom).

As a child our greatest fear was polio - that was an ongoing danger, but seemed most active in the summer. Mothers always cautioned "be careful and don't get polio (even though they had no idea 'how to be that careful')." If our memory serves us at all, the first vaccine against polio was a shot and we got the shot. Later it was available on a sugar cube - we got that also. Of course, that last one was in the Army back when troops were lined up shirtless, walked down a line with shots going into each arm. We knew to NOT stop walking or there might be a couple of extra shots in the arm!! No need to ask what that shot was 'for', it was 'for' the 1st Sgt. said so! Bottom line is that polio, smallpox, flu, measles, etc. are rare and not at pandemic proportions now, thanks to the miracle of vaccines.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister attended their favorite high school football team's game last Friday night, and if you didn't know better, you would've thought the two were arguing a few times during the game.

Sister is a "people watcher" while Lou Lou watches the action on the field, and Lou Lou tends to get a little "intense" over the game, especially when it comes to her favorite Yonder team! While Sister doesn't even know what is going on most of the time on the field, she sure does love to argue with Lou Lou when she thinks Lou Lou is over-reacting to something.

There were times throughout last week's game when Lou Lou was quite animated over things happening on the field. It seemed to her the opposing team was playing a little

dirty at times, and Lou Lou didn't like it.

At one point, a player Lou Lou considers "one of hers" was slow to get up off the ground after a play. That did not sit well with Lou Lou, and she was expressing her displeasure quite loudly.

Sister gave her the "sit down and be quiet" look.

A play or two later, Lou Lou came to her feet again when she saw a player on the opposing team grab one of her players by the facemask. This time, Lou Lou was yelling at one of the guys in the striped suit out on the field for not throwing a flag for that flagrant offense.

Miss 'people watcher' chimed in and proceeds to tell Lou Lou that she got it wrong, and the other player didn't grab the facemask. Nevermind the fact most of the folks in the stands were taking Lou Lou's side on the matter.

That set Lou Lou off even more, and the two got into a back-and-forth discussion about it. Lou Lou finally got frustrated enough with Sister that she asked, "Who's side are you on anyway?!!!"

Sister calmly replied, "The right side."

Yep...Lou Lou even madder. She even sulked for several minutes and muttered 'compliments' about Sister quietly while Sister laughed at her. Pretty soon, Lou Lou got over it. However, she doesn't think it would have mattered to Sister if she got over it or not.

Fortunately, it was a big win for Lou Lou's team that night! By the next day, the whole mess was forgotten, and Lou Lou was looking on to the next opponent.

You gotta love high school football in the South...well, as long as Sister is not sitting next to you! If she is, she's just gonna argue with you for no better reason than to simply aggravate the hallelujah out of you... then, she laughs at you.

That's just mean...Lou Lou thinks. But, when it comes to Sister, she just throws her hands up in the air. Only so much can be done there.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Notice:

The Elba Quarterback Club meets each 'game day' Friday during football season. The meeting is at 11:30 a.m. at the Elba Country Club. Lunch can be ordered from the kitchen and there is a guest speaker each week.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and Monday, September 20, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Sept. 14 - Fire service call reported at 719 Simmons St (8:07 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1235 N Claxton Ave (9:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 830 Reese Ave (11:39 a.m.); Assault reported at 1698 Hickman Ave (6:11 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1265 Highland Dr (8:10 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported to police at the police department (9:19 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Forest Lake Dr (10:00 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 138 Stroud Ave (12:27 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 595 Collier Circle (1:14 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1625 Parker St (5:44 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 712 Troy Hwy (6:21 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 412 Claxton Ave (6:18 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in an arrest.

Thursday, Sept. 16 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (2:24 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to police at the police department (3:24 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 475 Williams St (6:46 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (7:31 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 213 Plant Ave (8:42 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in two

Players of the Week recognized...Elba Coach Marc Sieving recognized the football team's "Players of the Week" Friday, Sept. 17, during the Elba Quarterback Club's "game day" lunch meeting.

The Offensive Player of the Week was quarterback Brayden Johnson (left). Sieving said Elba asks a lot out of its quarterback, and Johnson has really gotten after it this season. He said Johnson had a really good game against Zion Chapel with some touchdown passes, good runs and good blocks.

The Defensive Player of the Week was David Agosta (right). Coach Sieving said Agosta did not play last year but came to him in the offseason wanting to get back into it. He said he plays defensive end and has worked hard to earn a starting position. He added that Agosta is an emerging leader for the team.

The Special Teams Player of the Week was Alex Wisecup (center). This was his second week to be named the Special Teams player of the Week. He went six out of seven on PAT's in the region win against ZC.

verbal warnings, one written warning, and one no action.

Friday, Sept. 17 - Animal complaint reported at 1015 Farris Ave (10:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1475 N Claxton Ave (12:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 831 Old Samson Rd (8:41 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 429 Plant Ave (10:18 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Saturday, Sept. 18 - Harassment reported to police at the police department (6:41 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 14134 Hwy 84 (8:11 a.m.); Assault reported at 322 Court Ave (2:12 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 263 (2:36 p.m.); Animal complaint in area of Reese Ave and Railroad St (2:44 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 611 N Claxton Ave (5:06 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (5:13 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1094 County Rd 505 (5:48 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 595 Collier St (9:47 p.m.). There were no traffic stops recorded on this date.

Sunday, Sept. 19 - Traffic accident reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (11:56 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 709 Roosevelt Dr (1:51 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at the Old House Oyster Bar - an arrest was made (2:59 p.m.); Fire service call reported in area of Plant Ave/Guyton St (6:20 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 490 Hwy 203 (7:19 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 329 Sollie Dr (9:05 p.m.). There were no traffic stops recorded on this date.

Monday, Sept. 20 - Suspicious circumstances reported to police at the police department (4:53 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 1950 Reese Ave (8:11 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 1094 County Rd 505 (8:12 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 233 Dr Roberts Dr (1:45 p.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 5423 County Rd 410 (2:46 p.m.); Harassment reported at 720 Reese Ave (4:17 p.m.); Prowler reported at 515 N Claxton Ave (7:07 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1340 Forest Lake Dr (11:20 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning, two written warnings, one report, and one assist another agency.

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Obituaries

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KATHERINE FARRIS JACOBS

Mrs. Katherine Farris Jacobs, age 91, a resident of the Rocky Head Community, near Arton, Ala., died Thursday morning, Sept. 16, 2021, at her home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2021, at the Rocky Head Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Weed and Rev. Joe Underwood officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Cemetery with Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home directing.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vivian B. Adams School, 2047 Stuart Tarter Road, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

Katherine "Missy" Farris was born to Rushia and Dock Blue Farris in the Damascus Community, near Elba. She graduated from Damascus Junior High School and Elba High School before enrolling in the Troy State Teachers College where she graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education. After teaching for a number of years, she earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education from Auburn University. Her teaching career spanned 35 years.

Mrs. Jacobs was an active member of the Rocky Head Baptist Church until health issues hindered her participation. She taught Sunday School, Training Union, Vacation Bible School, serving as Director of VBS and Chairman of the Homecoming Committee for over 40 years. She was active in the Women's Missionary Union and sang in the choir.

She was a member of the Delta Cappa Gamma for many years, and she was active in the Arton Matrons Study Club for over 25 years. She was a member of The Dale County Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ernest Vernon "Ernie" Jacobs; husband, Ernest Harold Jacobs; father, Dock Blue Farris; mother, Rushia Farris; brothers, Charles, James, and Billy Blue; sister Faye; and uncle and mentor, Leman Farris.

Survivors include two sisters: Kate Hudson and Ted, Auburn, Ala., and Sara Pietraontoni, Lady Lake, Fla.; one brother: Omega Farris and wife, Sherry, New Brockton, Ala.; sister-in-law: Agnes Farris, New Brockton; three brothers-in-law and spouses: Kenneth and Mary Ann Jacobs, Athens, Ala., Earl and Margarette Jacobs, Hartselle, Ala., and Frank and Maxine Jacobs, Arton; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

MARY ALICE NAPPER

Mrs. Mary Alice Napper, age 83, of the Hebron Community, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at Troy Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Hebron Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with Rev. Donnie Marler, Rev. Mark Cooper and Rev. Frank Lowery officiating. Burial followed in Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mrs. Napper was born December 27, 1937 to the late Charlie Barr and Minnie Hudson Barr. She was a faithful member of Hebron Baptist Church where she was a pianist for 70 years.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Napper, and a son, Freddie Napper.

Survivors include

her son: Mickey Napper (Angelia), Jack, Ala.; three granddaughters: Nicole Barnhill (Brandon), and Holli Napper, both of Jack, and Courtney Rountree (Kyle), Dothan, Ala.; grandson: Taylor Napper (Taylor), Brundidge, Ala.; three great-grandchildren: Lilly-Ann Barnhill, Baylon Napper, and Harper Rountree; and daughter-in-law, Jane Green (Larry), Jack.

DR. RAYMOND HILL

Dr. Raymond Hill, of Lakeland, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, due to natural causes. Born in Luverne, Ala., September 1, 1929, he moved to Lakeland from Opelika, Alabama in 1971. He married Dorothe H. Hill of Elba, Alabama on December 20, 1951.

Dr. Hill received a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University in 1952 and a Master's degree from the University of Alabama in 1967. His doctoral degrees were received from the University of Alabama in 1975.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home from 12-1:45 p.m.

Raymond was preceded in death by his son, Joe R. Hill; grandson, Tyler Callaway; parents, Willie Mae Johnson Hill and Billy Augusta (B.A.) Hill; and brothers, Johnson Hill and Billy A. (Gus) Hill.

Survivors include his wife: Dorothe H. Hill; daughters: Darleen Garcia (Lubin) and Ramona Chormann; sister: Martha Lois Mobley; grandchildren: Alyssia Totten (Scott), Nicole Richardson (Johnathan), Kylee Chormann, and Kathrine Lopez (Chris); plus, six great-grandchildren.

SARA NELL CHANDLER

Mrs. Sara Nell Chandler, age 54 of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba assisted the Chandler family.

Survivors include her sons: Joseph (Billie) Chandler, Chancellor, Ala., Curtis (Bette Ann) Chandler, Goshen, Ala., and Timothy (Chelsea) Chandler, New Brockton, Ala.; daughters: Ashley Chandler, Opp, Ala., Samantha (LoWayne) Parks, and Brittany M Hall, both of Elba; 16 grandchildren; sisters: Mary (James) Whatley, and Shelia Sawyer, both of New Brockton; several nieces and nephews.

WILLIAM ALBERT WILKINSON

Mr. William Albert "Wilkie" Wilkinson, age 71, a resident of Hartford, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva, Ala. due to complications of COVID-19.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba assisted the Wilkinson family.

Survivors include his wife: Elaine Shellie Wilkinson, Hartford; a

special nephew: Nathen (Courtney) Hilburn, and great-nephews: Evan and Trae Hilburn, all of Elba, Ala.; his sister: Nancy Wilkinson Wigand; brother-in-law: Mike (Lesley) Ferguson; nephews: Kevin (Stephanie) Adams, Todd (Sue) Adams; and a niece: Wendy Keisler.

RENITA ALLEN BOWERS

Mrs. Renita Allen Bowers, age 66, a resident of the Bullock community, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala. due to complications of COVID-19.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kevin Dewberry officiating.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ladine Akridge; father, Arnold Allen; sister, Patricia Wilkinson; and a brother, Rickey Bush.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years: Buddy Bowers, Elba; daughters: Tiffany Tew (Tim) Black, New Brockton, Ala., Danielle Tew (Gavin) Dunn, Samson, Ala., Arrian Bowers, Elba, Charisse (Rex) Armstrong, Mobile, Ala., Noralyn (Brian) Dawson, Elba; sons: Marshall (Monica) Bowers, Mobile, Job (Kasey) Bowers, Auburn, Ala., and Brantson Bowers, Elba; a sister: Saubrena (Ron) Lewis, Ozark, Ala.; brothers, Lynn Allen, Luverne, Ala., Anthony (Judy) Akridge, Dothan; her grandchildren: Jason Black, Ashly Black, Amy Keeble, Peyton McCart, Matthew McCart, Kaylee Brown, Kaiden Bowers, Adalida Latham and Cash Stephens; and one great-grandchild: Haven Black.

OREN TERRY NELSON

Mr. Oren Terry Nelson, age 67, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise due to complications of COVID-19.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, beginning at 5 p.m., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Visitation was Wednesday afternoon, from 4-5 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hasidell and Bob Nelson, along with a sister, Mary Evelyn Gibson.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law: Eric

and Yvette Nelson, Kinston, Ala.; brothers: Bobby Wayne (Barbara) Nelson, Jack, Ala., R.V. "Pete" (Susan) Nelson, and Mickey (Cathy) Nelson, both of Elba; granddaughters: Kelsey (Matthew) Hartley, Brundidge, Ala., Brianna Nelson and Hailey Nelson, both of Hattiesburg, Miss.; grandsons: Christopher Nelson, New Hope, Ala., Michael Regan, Kinston, Brian (Raven) Regan, Andalusia, Ala.; and his great-grandchildren: Raelynn Hartley and Miles Nelson.

JOSEPH CLARK BRAGG

Mr. Joseph Clark Bragg, age 68, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, in St. Vincent's Hospital in Pell City, Ala. He was born September 14, 1952, in Victoria, Ala., to the late Vera Nell and Grafton Bragg.

Clark was one of four children, including two brothers Steve and Mitchell, both who preceded him in death, and one sister Rebecca Bragg Drummond.

Funeral services were held at Kilgore Funeral Home in Pell City with Michael Gatch, Pastor of Concord United Methodist Church, conducting the service. Clark will be buried at Veterans National Cemetery in Montevallo, Ala., 3133 Highway 119.

Prior to receiving his nursing degree from Jacksonville State University, he served 20 years in the U. S. Army and retired as a Command Sergeant Major.

BETHEL THOMPSON

Mr. Bethel Thompson, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 21, 2021, in a Luverne hospital. Funeral services will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

DAWSON FARRIS

Mr. Dawson Farris, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died at his home Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 21, 2021. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba upon completion.

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people after the chief resigns. I don't see any reason to say anything negative about him in public."

The mayor told council members they would obviously be asked a lot of questions, but his position was to not say anything that would reflect negatively on anyone.

After hearing back via telephone from the city attorney, city clerk Bane said Boothe had said he was going to contact Chief Hussey's lawyer and let him know the council did approve the settlement agreement.

SRO

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regarding an SRO. He said the county already supplies SRO's to the county schools under a contract between the Coffee County Sheriff's Office and the Coffee County School System.

Maddox said the county had said it would be willing to do the same for the Elba City School System under basically the same contract terms.

To do that, the county would need a \$30,000 per year commitment from Elba for the SRO. The county, in turn, would assign an SRO deputy to Elba City Schools while it is in session and for special events. The officer would be an employee of the county, assigned to the school, for the designated time. When not at the school, the officer

She said Boothe and Hussey's lawyer would work on the settlement wording. Bane said Boothe wanted to remind council members that until Hussey turned in a resignation, he would still be Chief of Police in Elba.

Bane added that Boothe said he would research what the immediate steps to take would be for the council if [and when] the chief does turn in his resignation.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

would work as a deputy with the sheriff's office.

During Monday's work session, Maddox said he would be proposing in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the city to provide the \$30,000 needed to allow the school system to enter an agreement with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office for an SRO to be assigned to Elba City Schools.

There did not seem to be any opposition from council members regarding the proposed item. Again, the budget is expected to be voted on Monday night, Sept. 27, and it will be known at that time if the funding for this SRO is approved.

The Elba City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Elba City Hall.

ADPH urges pregnant women urged to be vaccinated for COVID-19

As dozens of pregnant women and pediatric patients with COVID-19 in Alabama are hospitalized each day, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) urges all pregnant women and all eligible adolescents ages 12 through 17 to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

In addition to hospitalization, pregnant women and children are being treated in intensive care units and placed on mechanical ventilation.

"We want all eligible people vaccinated as quickly as possible," State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said. "We are especially concerned

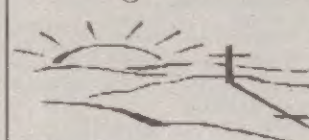
about the recent hospitalizations of pregnant women and children in our state. It is important for everyone to know that safe, highly effective and free vaccines are available statewide to protect against potential harm from COVID infection."

Given the risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy, women who test positive for the virus should immediately speak to their physician about the use of monoclonal antibody treatment to reduce the severity of disease and hospitalization.

More information about COVID-19 is available at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html>

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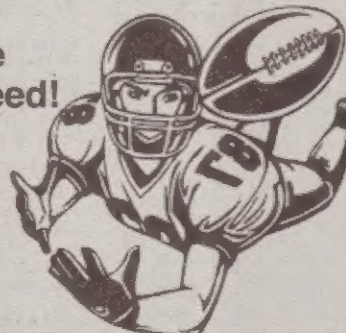
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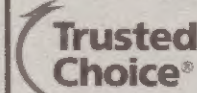
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World Alzheimer's Month

September is World Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Alzheimer's Disease is a degenerative neurological condition that mostly affects elderly patients and is described as being a consistent loss of memory, motor skills and neurological function. Alzheimer's is often times a terminal diagnosis but one that can take years to run its course.

Alzheimer's is a chronic and degenerative illness, it will continue to get worse the longer the person deals with the condition. That often means long-term care solutions must be discussed early on once a diagnosis is made by a medical professional. These long-term solutions can be emotional and difficult to make. Here are a few ways you can assist those dealing with Alzheimer's and those who are caring for them.

When friends and family come to visit either at home or in a care facility, encourage photos to be taken. These photos are not just great mementos but they can also be wonderful reminders of close friends and loved ones. Alzheimer's patients have difficulty remembering even close family but photographs are an excellent way to help attach names to faces.

Maintain a regular schedule for visits to those in care facilities or in nursing homes. Regular visits can help maintain the memory of those who are facing memory loss. Routine is an important part of easing some of the anxiety that can come from memory loss and being in regular contact with those that may have difficulty remembering can help reinforce some of those fading memories.

You may consider joining a support group or seeing a therapist to help cope with the emotions that go alongside the diagnosis of Alzheimer's. It can be difficult taking care of a loved one or putting aside the guilt that can arise from placing someone in assisted living. It is important to express those feelings and thoughts with a professional trained in helping you with the skills and coping mechanisms needed to carry on.

Alzheimer's Disease is a difficult diagnosis for a loved one to receive but know there are support groups, resources and professionals trained to help you and your loved one get through this, including the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, and Alzheimer's Foundation at www.alzfdn.org.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Charles Box, Pastor

Walnut Street Church of Christ
306 Walnut St., Greenville, Alabama

DO YOU KNOW MY JESUS?

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8) Jesus is the firstfruits of them that slept. (1 Corinthians 15:20) "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3) Jesus is totally capable of supplying all our needs. (Philippians 4:19) Do you know my Jesus?

Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. "Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16) Peter made a simple and bold confession of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is the Christ, the great Prophet, Priest, and King; the Messiah promised in past generations. Jesus is the Son of the living God. He has life in Himself. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God?

Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Luke states the purpose of Jesus coming to the world. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10) Jesus literally came to call sinners to repentance. "But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Matthew 9:13) Jesus came from heaven to earth to seek the lost, for the purpose of saving them from eternal damnation. Have you allowed Jesus to become your Savior?

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. We must always be, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2) We must set Jesus before us constantly as the author and finisher of our faith. He is our sacrifice, example and encouragement. Jesus is the Beginning and the Ending of our salvation. Our duty is to look to Jesus. Which direction are you looking in your life?

To begin your Christian life hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized into Christ. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27) After being washed in the blood of Jesus at baptism we can be among those who are the friends of the Lord by doing the things that He commands.

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church cancels Oct. 3rd Homecoming Services

Due to COVID-19 concerns, Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church has cancelled the 2021 Homecoming Service, which was scheduled for Oct. 3rd.

For those with loved ones

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at 897-3019.

New Haven Assembly of God Church to hold Homecoming services Sunday

New Haven Assembly of God Church, located at 8497 County Road 114, will be hold Homecoming services Sunday, Sept. 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Lavon Singleton will be delivering the message, and Big Mo Ostrander will be singing. Lunch will be served, and all are welcome.

New Hope Senior Center taking applications for new participants

New Hope Senior Center is looking for a "Few Good Men and Women" to become a part of the senior center family! The center is taking applications for new participants.

For more information, contact center director Conzuella Banks at (334) 735-5433. Call Today!!



DAR PROMOTES CONSTITUTION WEEK...

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during the month of September's annual observance in honor of this foundational document of national governance. The DAR initiated the observance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and education initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. To observe Constitution Week, Betty Ann Stinson (right), John Coffee DAR Constitution Week Committee Member, presented the following items to Holly Richardson, New Brockton Elementary School principal (left), for use by the school during Constitution Week and beyond: 800 flag bookmarks with the preamble to the constitution; a large Declaration of Independence poster; a large poster of the U.S. Constitution; 50 pamphlet sized Constitutions; 2 posters of "What's in the Constitution"; lesson plans for upper elementary teachers; 50 bookmarks with the preamble and the pledge of allegiance; and 4 posters with the dates for Constitution Week. For information on how to become a DAR member, contact the John Coffee DAR Registrar Cathy Tallino at mrstallino@yahoo.com.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

897-3611



Scripture: A Call to Worship and Obedience. Psalm 95: 1-11

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mary Sue Dawson, Shawna Hill Gulley/Baby Girl, Alice Musgrove, Mike Manning, Min. Robert Edwards, Nicole Duncan, Christina Woods, Asja Rudolph, Michael Rowe

September & October Birthdays/Anniversaries

Tiffany Henderson 9/24
Charles Warren Jr. 9/27 (in memory)
Serena Williams (tennis star) 9/26
Betty J. Belcher 9/30
Brenda Ellison Carter 10/1
Lynsey Manning 10/2
Isaiah Tate Kelley 10/3
Samella Terrell Edwards 10/3
Annie Lou Lee 10/3 (in memory)
Min. Robert Edwards 10/6
James and Estella Williams 10/3 W.A.
Peaches Jackson 10/10

Forgive Every Debtor?

On June 17, 2015, 21-year-old Dylann Roof walked into the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. For about an hour, he listened as the small Wednesday night group discussed the scriptures. Then he stood up and pulled out a gun and began shooting. Nine church members died as a result. Two days later Roof appeared in court, and several family members of those slain addressed him. One person, whose mother was one of the victims, stated, "You took something very precious from me... But I forgive you." Another person in mourning added, "I am very angry. But (my sister) taught me that we are the family that love built. We have no room for hating, so we have to forgive."

Some may question the appropriateness of extending forgiveness in cases that do not involve repentance (Luke 17: 3,4). But a more basic issue here is the willingness to forgive. Hard as they may be, Jesus' instructions regarding forgiveness aren't framed as optional. To have God's forgiveness, we must forgive others. Let these examples inspire and motivate self-examination: whom do you need to forgive today?

■ A.S.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 9/23/21
True or False
Q: Wisdom is more valuable than rubies.
A: True [Proverbs 8:11]
Q: Jesus' parents knew to look for Jesus in the temple.
A: True [Luke 2:46]

Think on These Things

- Some folks treat God like a lawyer, they go to Him only when they're in trouble.
- Trials and tribulations come only to make us strong.

Questions for the Week of 9/30/21

Fill in the Blanks
Q: Solomon told the assembly that God was faithful to the promise given through

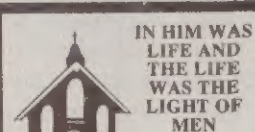
Q: For I will make you a name and a praise among all of the earth.

Q: What three words of Jesus create the acronym A.S.K.?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABUNDANT GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard T. Horn, Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
KH Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseer - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Enfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olav Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROKETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, ELBA
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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LIFESTYLES



SAR Awardees (from left) Enterprise Police Department Capt Billy Hagland, Elba Fire Department Chief Drew Parker, John Gunter, SAR Jim Gilmer, SAR President Travis Parker, ASSAR President William Kirkland and DAR John Fuller.

Local SAR and DAR co-host Constitution Week Awards Luncheon

The organizations of the Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) with President Travis Parker and the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with Regent Jacques Hawkins co-sponsored the SAR - DAR Constitution Week Awards Luncheon held recently at the Enterprise Country Club to celebrate the 234th anniversary of the United States Constitution.

This annual event reminds all to never forget the sacrifices made by patriot ancestors.

DAR member Peggy Stroud gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by SAR member Jim Gilmer; The American's Creed was led by DAR member Claire Murphy; and the Pledge to SAR was led by SAR member Dr. Jack Anderson. SAR president Parker and DAR regent Hawkins presented greeting to the attendees. Guest speaker was William Kirkland the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution President.

Kirkland gave a very interesting and informative talk on the origins and growth of SAR.

SAR awards were presented by SAR President Parker and SAR member Jim Gilmer to include: Certificate and medal to Enterprise Police Department Captain Billy Hagland the "SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal"; certificate and medal to Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker; "Fire Safety Commendation Award"; certificate and medal to John Gunter, "Bronze Good Citizenship Award"; and a 25 year cer-



DAR Awardees (from left) John Coffee DAR Regent Jacques Hawkins, Hoyt Rhoades, Immediate Past DAR Regent Nell Gilmer, DAR Peggy Stroud and Justin Maddox.

tificate to SAR John Fuller.

DAR Regent Jacques Hawkins spoke on the accomplishments of Pvt. William Henry Harrison, Sr., (1758-1832), who is the only known Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Coffee County. Harrison served in the Fourth Regiment of the Continental Line and in Maj Brannen's company under General Pickens, serving in the Edgefield District of South Carolina, then moving with troops to Savannah and on to near Augusta.

Harrison served honorably throughout his term of enlistment and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. It is believed that he lived in Georgia before moving to Alabama.

The mayors of Enterprise and Elba agreed to allow a plaque revering Pvt. Harrison to be mounted in the two city hall buildings. DAR Jacques Hawkins presented one plaque to Councilman Greg Padgett who was representing Mayor Cooper and SAR Travis Parker presented an identical plaque to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox.

DAR member Peggy Stroud presented the "DAR



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, left, accepts a plaque revering Pvt. William Henry Harrison Sr. that will be mounted at Elba City Hall. Presenting the plaque to Maddox was Travis Parker, president of the Wiregrass SAR chapter.

Community Service Award" to Justin Maddox and DAR Nell Gilmer presented a "Historical Presentation Award" to Hoyt Rhoades "For Excellence in Community Service" for the restoration of New Providence Primitive Baptist Church in Coffee County.

A raffle was held by the DAR with Alabama and Auburn rugs made by Nell

Gilmer. There was a tremendous response. Alabama fans purchased 72 tickets and Auburn fans purchased 55. Several door prizes that had been brought by club members were given out.

Closing remarks were given by SAR Parker and DAR Hawkins. The SAR Receptional was led by John Wallace and the benediction was given by Perry Vickers.

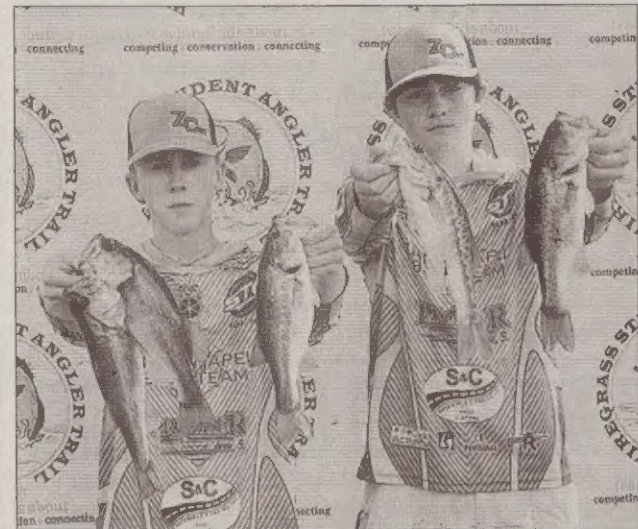
Jack Day Festival set for Oct. 2nd

The Jack Day Community Festival, sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., on the practice field of Zion Chapel School.

Those interested in set-

ting up a booth at this event should contact Pam Grantham (334-685-1869) or Britley Parker (334-300-6974).

All proceeds benefit community service and literacy projects in Jack, Ala.



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young with their limit of 5 fish; they placed 15th out of 97 boats.

ZC Bass Team members return to water for new season of fishing

The Zion Chapel Bass Team is back on the water for the first tournament of the new season. They began writing volume 3 of their team adventure September 11, 2021, when they ventured to south Alabama to the Mobile Delta.

This begins the third year of tournament fishing for the ZCBT since they were formed in the late summer of 2019. Three members of the team have been on the team since its inception.

This year Cole McDaniel and Kevin Shull have joined the team as newcomers. Kevin and Jackson Dowdy, Ethan Young and Avery Padgett round out the six-member team for this season.

They will be fishing three trails again this year: Wiregrass Student Angler Trail, East Alabama High School Trail, and Alabama BASS High School Trail Tiger Division.

This first tournament of the new season was on the Tensaw River; this was only the third time the ZCBT has fished this location. The boat captain for the Young/Padgett team stated that he thought some of the anglers were finally getting the hang of the Tensaw River.

According to the ALABAMA OUTDOOR NEWS, the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta area encompasses over 260,000 acres and ranks as the second-largest system in the lower United States. Touching five counties in southeastern

Alabama, the waters of the Delta eventually empty into the Mobile Bay.

The Delta is not the only tidal fishery on the Gulf Coast, but it is by far the largest and most significant. Greg McCain states that the Delta is a "wandering, forever-changing maze of water that produces prodigiously one day and perplexes anglers the next." This has been true for the ZCBT.

Ninety-seven boats entered the tournament, but only 47 boats weighed in. It was one of those days that stumped so many of the young anglers.

After a long, arduous day on the water, team Padgett/Young finally caught their limit and placed fifteenth out of 97 boats. No other Zion Chapel teams weighed in.

In the 2021 Team of the Year competition, ZCBT is in thirteenth place. Points for the Angler of the Year and Team of the Year are recalculated after each tournament.

The ZC anglers are grateful for Mike McDaniel, Kevin Dowdy, Sr., and Larry Campbell for serving as their boat captains for this tournament. They are also thankful for their sponsors for their financial help and for their families and their community for their support and encouragement. Their next scheduled tournament on the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail will be October 9, 2021, on Lay Lake.

Car Show announced as part of Jack Day Festival on Saturday, Oct. 2nd

The 3rd Annual Jack Day Car Show, held in conjunction with the Jack Day Community Festival, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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Community banks oppose far-reaching IRS Reporting Proposal

If community bankers weren't busy enough continuing their heroic economic response to the pandemic, a recent proposal included in the 2022 budget proposal to impose new IRS reporting mandates on customer bank accounts has become a major advocacy priority.

To counter the plan, community bankers and their customers should weigh in directly with their members of Congress to voice their opposition.

The proposal would require financial institutions to report to the IRS on the deposits and withdrawals of business and personal accounts. This proposal would constitute a broad, unwarranted infringement on the privacy of all bank customers without grounds to suspect tax evasion.

Be intrusive and indiscriminate. Undermine the goal of reducing the unbanked. Increase taxpayer complexity and confusion. Overwhelm the IRS with personal financial data and increase risk of data breach.

Specifically, the proposed fiscal 2022 budget would require banks and other financial institutions to report to the IRS on the deposits and withdrawals of all business and personal accounts with a de minimis exception for accounts with a balance of less than \$600.

The American Banking Association (ABA), the Independent Community Bankers Association (ICBA) and many other consumer advocates have strongly ob-

jected to the proposal, which would be an unwarranted infringement on the privacy of bank customers and create complex new reporting burdens for all banks and especially community banks.

The new IRS bank account mining would be intrusive and indiscriminate for bank

customers, would undermine the goal of bringing unbanked Americans into the banking system, could increase taxpayer complexity and confusion, would enlist community banks as agents of the IRS while imposing new reporting burdens, would expose banks to penalties for inadvertent errors, and would channel more information into the IRS than it can process. In-

stead of a fishing expedition that infringes on the privacy of bank customers and occupies resources that could otherwise be focused on serving local communities, the ICBA is urging the IRS to close the tax gap with data it already has.

According to an ICBA poll conducted by Morning Consult, Two-thirds of voters (67%) oppose this proposal. Opposition to this IRS proposal is bipartisan and strenuous, with more than half of voters (53%) strongly opposed and only 22% supportive.

"We encourage all of our customers to contact their Senators and Representatives to let them know that they don't want this proposal included in any proposed

legislation," said Dianna Lee, marketing and public relations officer for Troy Bank & Trust. "There are already reporting regulations in place, not to mention what an invasion of privacy this is. If this legislation passes, we will be forced to report every transaction coming into an account or going out of an account, personal or commercial, if that account has a balance of over \$600." Lee encourages account holders at all financial institutions to make their voices heard and to let lawmakers know that there is strong opposition to this proposed legislation. To make voices heard by policymakers or learn more about this proposal, visit www.banklocally.org/privacy.

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for the Coffee County Commission, Coffee County, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named Contractor and Rod Morgan, County Administrator, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice. 9/2,9,16,23-chg

NOTICE OF COMPLETION (300M Gallon Water Storage Tank, CDBG Project No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101)

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that FISHER TANK COMPANY, Contractor, has completed the Contract for the 300M Gallon Water Storage Tank, CDBG Project No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101, for the Coffee County Commission, New Brockton, AL, a municipal corporation and has made request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Southern Engineering Solutions, 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, AL 36420. FISHER TANK COMPANY 104 Fisher Tank Drive Leesville, SC 29070 9/9,16,23&30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF ANNE B. BULLARD, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2021-067

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of August 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 31st day of August 2021 /s/ Ronald Lee Boutwell Personal Representative 9-9,16,23-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES EDGAR SMITH, JR. Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2021-068

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sonya Lynn Walker on the 26th day of August 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 26th day of August 2021. /s/ Jodee R Thompson Probate Judge 9-9,16,23-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jay Chamunda, LLC and Chetankumar Gohel, individual on September 29, 2017, said Mortgage being recorded November 2, 2017, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 784, Page 205. Millennium Investment Group, LLC as Lender and Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise Alabama, on October 5, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to-wit:

A 0.76 acre, more or less, parcel of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, being in and a part of the NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 22 East, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

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5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642) at the southeast ROW of Alabama Highway #27 (60' ROW); thence North 40 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds East 247.50 feet along said southeast ROW to an existing ½" rebar (Cap #CA0065) at the beginning of a 30 foot flare; thence South 77 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds East 28.14 feet along the said flare to the Point of Beginning. Property street address: 640 Bellwood Road, Enterprise, AL 36330

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The sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Massey, Stotser & Nichols, PC at the telephone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. Stephanie Lanier Weems MASSEY, STOTSER, & NICHOLS, P.C. 1780 Gadsden Highway BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35235 As Attorney for Millennium Investment Group, LLC (205) 838-9000 9-16,23,30-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BENNIE ARNETTE, DECEASED

Case No: PC-2021-034

NOTICE/ORDER

To: Cindy Arnette, heir of Bennie Arnette

You are hereby given notice that DONALD ARNETTE filed his petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order of this Court, to admit to probate an instrument purporting to be the Will of BENNIE ARNETTE, deceased. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 26th

day of October, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. is appointed a day for hearing on said Petition at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. DONE THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON PROBATE JUDGE Coffee County, Alabama 9-16,23,30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH DALE GROGG Deceased

CASE NO: PC 2021-074

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Joseph Grogg, as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Dale Grogg, deceased, on the 23rd day of June, 2021, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate of Kenneth Dale Grogg are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 9/23,30 & 10/7 - pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2021-075

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY KAYLON ARNOLD Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 14th day of September, 2021 to Mary Jon Taylor Brown as Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Kaylon Arnold, deceased, who departed this life on the 1st day of August, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Mary Jon Taylor Brown Mary Jon Taylor Brown Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Kaylon Arnold, Deceased 9/23,30 & 10/7 - pd

Governor announces drop in unemployment rate to 3.1 percent

Governor Kay Ivey announced today that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted August unemployment rate is 3.1%, down from July's rate of 3.2%, and well below August 2020's rate of 7.1%. August's rate represents 69,005 unemployed persons, compared to 71,678 in July and 156,709 in August 2020. This is an over-the-year drop of 87,704.

"Alabama continues our streak of dropping unemployment, getting more of our people back to work and able to provide for their families, and we are seeing our jobs count and wages consistently rise," Governor Ivey said. "Employers in Alabama have jobs to fill, and they're doing so at a good pace. We're proud of the progress Alabama is making as we continue to overcome the challenges we faced due to the pandemic.

Alabama is working again, and we know our work is not done yet." "Total private average weekly earnings rose to \$993.35 in August, up from \$980.56 in July and \$942.57 in August of 2020.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 54,200, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+20,700), the manufacturing sector (+10,300), and the professional and business services sector (+7,300), among others. Over the month, wage and salary employment increased in August by 1,500. Monthly gains were seen in the government sector (+7,100), the professional and business services sector (+3,400), and the financial activities sector (+400), among others.

"We are working hard every day to reach out to those employers who still

need assistance in finding employees, while at the same time working to reach those who are still looking for work, or those who are looking to advance their careers," said Alabama Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington. "Right now is a great time to search for a job, as wages have once again hit a new record high in Alabama. Both employers and jobseekers can obtain free services by visiting any of our local career centers. We're here to help in any way we can."

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.1%, Cullman County at 2.3%, and Marshall, Limestone, and Blount Counties at 2.4%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 11.1%, Lowndes County at 9.2%, and Perry County at 9.0%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Alabaster, Homewood, and Vestavia Hills at 2.0%, Hoover and Madison at 2.2%, and Athens at 2.4%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 9.1%, Prichard at 8.8%, and Bessemer at 6.2%.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was a little disappointed last week that both the bonfire and homecoming parade were rained out, but made up for it at the game Friday night as he cheered for the Tigers in their big win over Cottonwood, and then Saturday went to Dothan for an afternoon of fun at a new indoor amusement venue. Looks like he enjoyed homecoming weekend after all!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about last week with a solid 54-24 win over Cottonwood. Cottonwood came into the game flying high after a blowout win over defending 2A state runner-up Abbeville, but the Tigers took command early and made it look easy as they literally ran up and down the field to claim the big region win. When I write the Tigers ran up and down the field I mean just that, as they ran the ball a total of forty times and averaged over ten yards per carry as they rushed for over 400 yards. The Elba line was out-weighted by almost 75 pounds per man, but never backed down and more than held its own when the running plays were between the tackles. The Tigers did give the Abbeville defense a few new looks, but it was an offensive performance that the Tigers fans have been looking for and should give upcoming coaches and teams fits as they prepare to challenge the black and gold. Over on defense, the Tigers came up with four turnovers and had a couple of big stops on fourth down that helped Elba stay in command. It was a win that sent everyone seated on the home side happy and one that I am sure the coaches had been waiting to see.

*** It was a so-so week for the teams in the area as Kinston and Brantley posted wins and Zion Chapel and New Brockton tasted defeat. Here's a quick look back at last week's area action:

** Kinston used an aggressive defense to hold on in a hard fought 10-6 region win over winless Georgiana. The Bulldogs scored early to take the lead, but nothing came easy after that for the Bulldog offense that was playing without a couple of key starters. Kinston is now a team to keep an eye on in the region race, and if the 'Dogs can stay healthy they may still have even more surprises up their sleeves.

** Brantley had no trouble, as expected, in a 53-0 region road win over Pleasant Home. The top-ranked Bulldogs have gotten off to a slow start due to a pair of games being called off, but there is no doubt the 'Dogs are more than ready to take on any and all challengers, and the break in the schedule seems to have made them even hungrier than usual. The standings are more for the fans than the teams, but this team is right where it belongs.

** New Brockton was missing one of its main weapons last week and it showed in a shocking 60-18 region loss to Wicksburg. The Gamecocks held their own early in the game, but simply had no answer for the speedy backs and physical offensive line of the Panthers, and enter the region break with two losses. When New Brockton is at full speed it is hard to beat, but last week showed that everyone dressed out still has to answer the ball, no matter what.

** Zion Chapel dropped a disappointing 28-18 region decision to Houston County to remain without a win through the first half of the season. The Rebels battled the Lions for all four quarters a long way from home and had their chances, but the Rebs are still learning their lessons and getting better each and every week. Zion Chapel is a well-coached high school football team that does what it does very well. The problem is that the Rebels are limited in what they can do.

*** It was another exciting week of high school football action all across the state as the cream continued to rise to the top. Here is a look back at the week that was....

** Class 1A – Second-ranked Sweetwater defeated Jay 39-7 and #3 Pickens County rolled over Lynn 28-7, while #6 Loachapoka was steamrolled by Maplesville 49-0.

Closer to home, Florala picked up a big 14-0 region win over Red Level and Samson surprised McKenzie 36-28 to up its record to 4-1.

** Class 2A - #2 Lanett flattened LaFayette 44-6, while #3 Spring Garden was knocked off by Cleveland 20-13, #7 Sand Rock fell to Southeastern 32-28 and #10 G.W. Long lost to Arifton 27-21. Closer to home, Geneva County rolled past Abbeville 49-6, Arifton remained atop the region standings with a 27-21 win over G.W. Long, and Luverne spanked Highland Home 41-0.

** Class 3A – Top-ranked Fyffe pounded Brindlee Mountain 56-0 and #2 Piedmont clobbered Weaver 70-13, while #4 Plainview lost to Geraldine 26-20, #8 Slocomb was upset by Houston Academy 35-25 and #9 Bayside fell to T.R. Miller 14-0. Closer to home, Opp scored all its points in the first half in a 55-0 win over Daleville, which has been outscored this season 246-52; Trinity clubbed Pike County 52-0, which has been outscored 112-18 in three losses; and Reeltown scored all its points in the first quarter in a 42-0 win over Goshen, which has now been outscored 194-8 in four losses on the field.

** Class 4A – Top-ranked Handley hammered Cleburne County 26-7 and #2 Madison Academy blanked North Jackson 33-0, while #6 Bibb County lost to American Christian 34-12. Closer to home, Dale County was dumped by Alabama Christian 48-13, Geneva whipped up on Ashford 40-6 and St. James handed Straughn its first loss 43-6.

** Class 5A – Top-ranked Pike Road destroyed Rehobeth 55-0 and #2 Pleasant Grove clobbered Carver 55-12, while #5 Faith lost to St. Paul's 10-7. Closer to home, Andalusia ran past Charles Henderson 58-28 and Carroll picked up its second region win with a 31-7 victory over Headland.

** Class 6A – Top-ranked Spanish Fort battled past Baldwin County 27-7 and #2 Clay-Chalkville mauled Minor 50-7, while #4 Pinson Valley lost to Jackson Olin 36-28 and #7 Hillcrest Tuscaloosa lost to Hueytown 38-30. Closer to home, Eufaula was awarded a 1-0 win over Park Crossing, and Robert E. Lee knocked off previously unbeaten Russell County 28-14.

** Class 7A – Top-ranked Thompson rolled over Hewitt-Trussville 42-9 and #2 Hoover battled past Oak Mountain 28-21, while #8 Enterprise dropped a battle to Central of Phenix City 36-27. Closer to home, Dothan continued its struggles with a 24-7 loss to Prattville and Auburn rolled over Jeff Davis 40-7.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and declared that maybe one day folks will quit changing their schedules based on weather forecasts. When I mentioned that he hit on 29 of his 32 picks last week his mood quickly changed, and he said maybe one week this season he will run the table. Oh well, here is this week's forecast, and after taking a peek at the picks, I don't think this will be the week.

ELBA VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The Pea River felinies will hitch hike up the four-lane to just outside the 'Circle City' hunting a flock of birds for dinner. The felines have enjoyed some mighty good

hunting in recent weeks, but may find these birds a little harder to catch and will have to have their skills honed and ready. Maybe not a feast, but a good dinner.

ELBA 23 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 17

KINSTON VS. BARBOUR COUNTY

The bulldogs from down near the county line will get the chance to test their running skills this week when a speedy litter of kitties come to town for a race. The bulldogs may have to get a head start to win the race. However, the guess here is that this that the 'dogs will break the tape way in front and it will count as a win.

KINSTON 45 BARBOUR COUNTY 0

ZION CHAPEL VS. SAMSON

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back on friendly turf this weekend and are expecting a battle from a litter of kitties that hang out down near the state line. The troops are hungry for a win and will have their muskets loaded, but these kitties may be a little too elusive to bag once the whistle blows.

SAMSON 28 ZION CHAPEL 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. W.S. NEAL

The roosters from over near the bypass will take a long ride over near Murder Creek looking to bag a mess of birds that have been easy picking for any and all hunters so far this season. While the birds don't have many feathers left, there is no doubt they will be expecting to outfly the roosters and hang up a win. Nah!

NEW BROCKTON 34 W.S. NEAL 27

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The bulldogs from up across the river will be back at the pound this weekend looking to hang up another big win on their side of the ledger. A bunch of flyboys are expected to land somewhere on main street late Friday afternoon in an attempt to steal the win, but the guess here is that the 'dogs will protect the pound.

BRANTLEY 33 HIGHLAND HOME 8

OTHER PICKS:

McKenzie 40 J.F. Shields 6
Verbena 56 Calhoun 0
Orange Beach 45 Central Coosa 0
Arifton 20 Slocomb 16
G.W. Long 48 Daleville 0
Ashford 26 Houston County 22
Luverne 49 Goshen 0
Cottonwood 32 Northside Methodist 21
Houston Academy 35 Florala 7
Opp 35 Straughn 10
Geneva County 41 Geneva 27
Andalusia 38 Bibb County 28
Carroll 49 Pike County 0
Dale County 26 Headland 21
Wicksburg 34 Rehobeth 17
Eufaula 21 Stanhope Elmore 14
Central PC 38 Opelika 10
Enterprise 37 Ft. Walton 28

Challenge 3A Providence

Tigers on the road in week six matchup

The Elba Tigers will hit the road for a rare trip to Dothan on Friday night when they step out of the region wars to tangle with the Providence Christian Eagles.

Providence Christian defeated Elba 27-20 last season in the only meeting between the two schools on the gridiron.

"Providence Christian is a well-coached football team and is much better than its record may indicate," stated Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "They play in a really tough region in Class 3A and have struggled at times to score points, but they had last

week off to get well and I am sure they will be a much improved team this week when they take the field. Last season they were off to a slow start, beat us in Elba and then went on to advance to the playoffs, and you know the coaches have reminded them of that this week at practice."

Providence Christian has struggled to a 1-3 record this season, with its only win coming over Northside Methodist 49-30, while losing to Rehobeth 34-7, Wicksburg 20-0 and Slocomb 30-0.

"Providence Christian has a young team and it

has showed at times against quality opponents," added Coach Sieving. "They have always been a running team and have hung their hats on their ability to run the football, but after a week off we are expecting them to probably open up the offense a little as they get ready to head down the home stretch. They have been solid on defense and have a couple of big tackles and play hard on every play. Forget their record, Providence Christian will be at home Friday night, will be confident they can beat us and we know we will get their best effort of the season."

"For is to be successful Friday night we will need to be physical at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, be balanced

on offense and play smart and still be aggressive on defense," said Coach Sieving. "They let their running game open up big plays on offense in the passing game, and we have to read our keys to stay in position and then attack. Our offense has begun to open up the play book a little more in recent weeks, and that will the case again this week if we hope to move the ball against a very aggressive and well coached defense. Providence Christian is a solid 3A squad that expects to win every time it takes the field, and that tradition is what they will rely on in times like this to regroup and improve. We know we are in for a battle when we head to Providence Christian and will be ready."

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 23
New Brockton at Goshen

Monday, Sept. 27
Pike County at Elba
Opp at New Brockton
Pleasant Home at New Brockton
Barbour County at Brantley

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Zion Chapel at Elba
McKenzie at Brantley
Kinston at Samson
Thursday, Sept. 30
Elba at Red Level
Kinston at Andalusia
Charles Henderson at Zion Chapel
Goshen at New Brockton
Kinston at Andalusia

Kinston Varsity Lady 'Dawgs win one, lose one in volleyball action last week

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs met the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels in a Monday, Sept. 13, volleyball match with the junior high, junior varsity, and varsity squads all in action.

The Junior High Lady 'Dawgs claimed the win 25-20 and 25-21. Team leaders were Chloe Phillips with nine assists, Lilli Sumblin with 15 passes and 16 serves, and Brynne Kelley with four hits.

The Junior Varsity team also claimed a win for Kinston in two sets 25-15 and 25-4. Team leaders were Madison Lolley with eight assists and 20 passes, and McKinley Gibson with five aces on 15 serves and five

hits. The Varsity Lady 'Dawg claimed the victory over ZC in three sets 25-10, 25-21, 25-15. Team leaders were Blair Wyrosdick with five aces on 21 serves, 25 assists, and 11 hits; Claire McReynolds and Griffin Holley each had 18 passes in the match.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, the Lady Bulldogs hosted Pleasant Home and the Junior High team was the only one to get the win on this day. The Junior High Lady 'Dawgs won their match 25-16, 25-22. The Junior Varsity Lady 'Dawgs lost 21-25, 9-25, and the Varsity squad had a rare loss in three sets 16-25, 21-25, 10-25.

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SPORTS NEWS

Grab key region win

Kinston sends Panthers packing 10-6Statistics by Dickie Adcock
File photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs scored on their first offensive series to grab the lead and then turned things over to the defense in a hard fought 10-6 region win over the Georgiana Panthers, Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

Kinston began its first series near midfield after a Panthers punt and promptly marched 47 yards in six running plays to get on the scoreboard. Drew Connor rushed for 35 yards on three carries and scored the Bulldogs touchdown on a 27-yard scamper, and John Free added the extra-point as Kinston went on top 7-0 with 6:57 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs were in good field position early in the second quarter after Blake Senn partially blocked a Georgiana punt to set Kinston up at the Panthers 36-yardline, and after two pass completions by Drew Connor the Bulldogs had a first down at the Georgiana 17. A 13-yard run by Konner Walker moved the ball to the four-yardline; however, two penalty flags backed the Bulldogs up, and on fourth down Kinston settled for three points when John Free booted a 24-yard field goal to push the Bulldogs lead to 10-0 with 5:59 left in the half.

Kinston failed to score after moving to a first down

at the Georgiana 30-yardline on its initial possession of the third quarter, and could never get back on track on offense as the Bulldogs remained on top 10-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

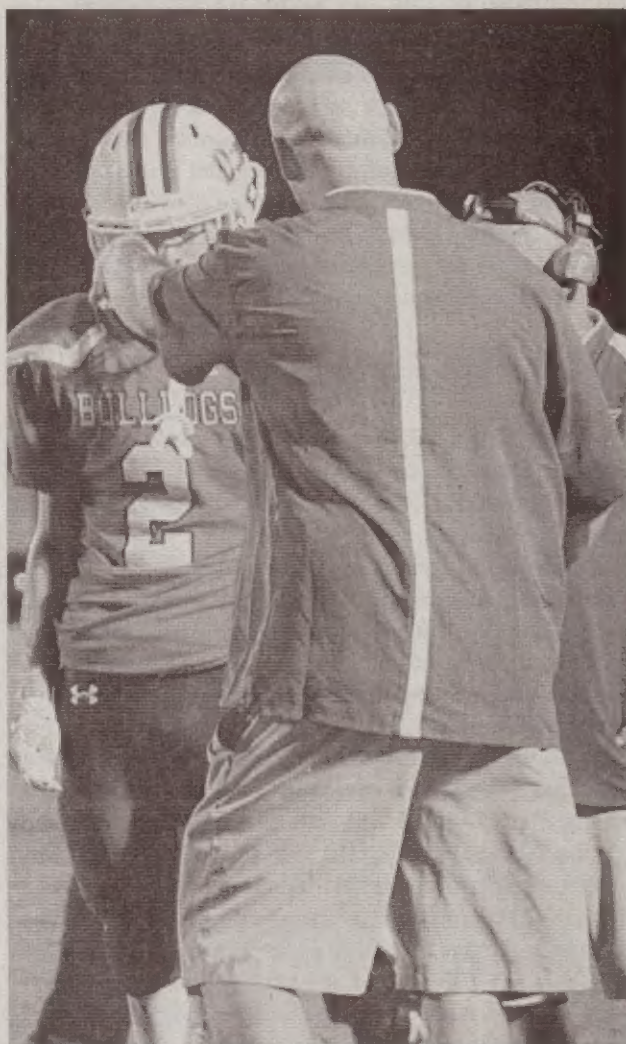
A bad snap on a punt attempt set Georgiana up at the Kinston 25-yardline with 4:35 remaining in the fourth quarter, and the Panthers cashed in the short field when Jacobie Morgan crossed the goal line on a 4-yard, fourth down run. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 1:11 remaining on the clock the Kinston lead was down to 10-6.

Kinston put the ball in play at its 39-yardline after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt, and Drew Connor rushed for 30 yards on two carries to move the chains as the Bulldogs held on to post the important 10-6 region win.

Drew Connor rushed for 95 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries and completed 3 of 4 passes for 18 yards to lead the Kinston offense, while Konner Walker added 56 yards rushing on 15 carries and Blake Senn rushed for 39 yards on five totes.

The Kinston defense held Georgiana to only 89 yards in total offense.

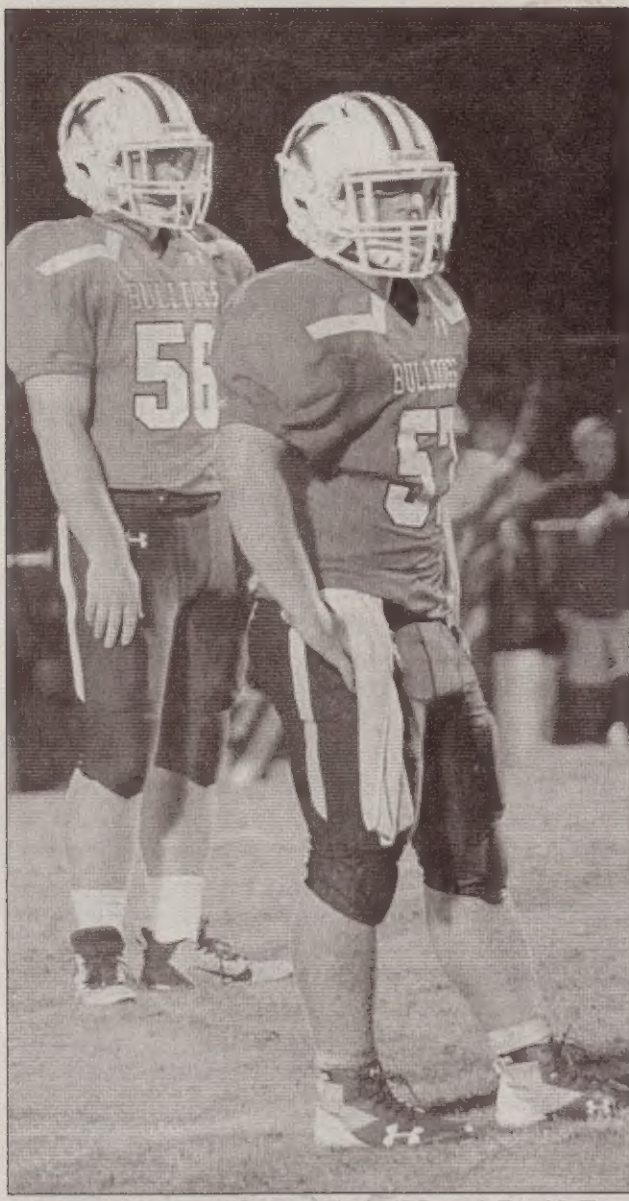
This week the Bulldogs will host Barbour County for their 2021 Homecoming. The kickoff is set for 7 p.m. from Bulldog Stadium. All alumni are invited to come support the Bulldogs.



Kinston Bulldog head coach Rudy Free talks with Blake Senn (2) along the sideline during a break in the action. The Bulldogs will host Barbour County Friday night looking for their third straight win.

2021 HOMECOMING FOR KINSTON SCHOOL...

Homecoming activities will commence Friday, Sept. 24, with the parade at 2:15 p.m. followed by an open house and alumni reception in the auditorium. Masks must be worn inside the building. The queen and her court will be presented at halftime during the homecoming game against Barbour County.

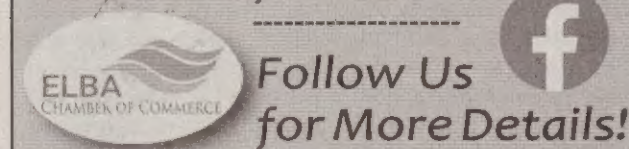


Kinston Bulldogs Marcus Free (56) and David Free (57) are ready and waiting for the action. The Bulldogs improved their record to 3-2 last week with a 10-6 win over Georgiana.



Kinston Bulldog Marching Band kept the spirits high with their halftime performance.

Elba Chamber of Commerce temporarily moving to an office at Moseley Photography, located on Factory Avenue!

**Rebels fall short in loss to Lions 28-14**From combined reports
File photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels took the fight to the Houston County Lions for all four quarters in a key region matchup Friday night in Columbia, but could not overcome five turnovers as they fell to 0-3 in the region with a 28-18 loss.

The Rebels owned a slim 6-0 lead after one quarter, but saw Houston County score twice in the second quarter to grab a 14-6 halftime advantage and trailed 21-6 heading into the fourth quarter, only to see a furious fourth quarter rally fall short.

Mason Stuart completed 4 of 16 passes with four

interceptions for 20 yards and rushed for 15 yards and one touchdown on seven carries to lead the Rebels, while Zay Adair added 25 yards and one td on seven totes, Brayden Watson caught one pass for 19 yards and rushed for 45 yards on three carries, and Brady Cobb pulled in one pass for 4 yards.

Bradon Grantham had one forced fumble and returned a fumble for 50 yards for a Rebel score to spark the defense, and Shaun Smith also had a fumble recovery.

Kahleel Johnson was the workhorse of the game for Houston County as he pulled in a 50-yard touchdown pass from Isaiah McKenzie and also scored on a 20-yard run. Ladarius Maybin scored on a 15-yard dash and Darius McKenzie scored on a 40-yard run to account for the Lions touchdowns.

On defense, the Lions came up with five turnovers as Ladarius Maybin had two interceptions, Sawyer Harris and DJ Jones both had one interception and Giovanni Rodriguez recovered a Rebel fumble.



Zion Chapel Rebel Mason Stuart (11) proudly holds the 'American Flag' high prior to a recent game at Zion Chapel.



Zion Chapel Rebels cheerleaders keep the spirit on the sideline as the Rebels battle on the field. The Rebels will be back at home Friday night at Green memorial Stadium when they host the Samson Tigers, in a non-region clash.

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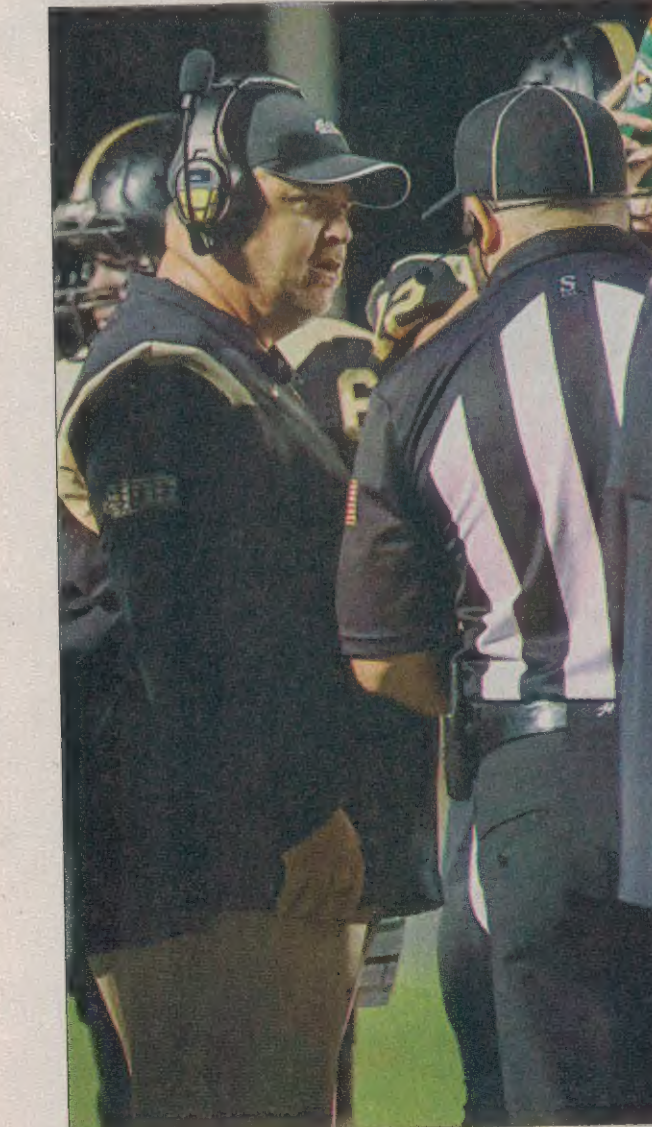
SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) bursts through a hole in the line and is off and running. Johnson rushed for 136 yards and one touchdown on seven carries in last week's 54-24 region win over Cottonwood.



Elba Tiger Kaden Grogg (88) applies heavy pressure to the Cottonwood quarterback in last week's 54-24 region win over the Bears.



Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving talks with an official about a penalty flag during action in last week's 54-24 win over Cottonwood.



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT....reigned over festivities last week at Elba High School. Pictured above are (l-r) Mary Kelley, freshman attendant; Faith Adcock, junior attendant; Liza Rodriguez, senior attendant; Queen Navaeh Sanders; Jayla Gray, senior attendant; Kendra Juarez, sophomore attendant; and Aimee Senn, football sweetheart.

Tigers chop down Cottonwood 54-24

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on their first four offensive series to build a 28-6 halftime lead and never looked back Friday night as they celebrated homecoming with a convincing 54-24 region win over the Cottonwood Bears.

Elba received the opening kickoff and went 62 yard in four plays to grab the early lead. A 41-yard scamper by Brayden Johnson sparked the scoring drive, while JT Coleman scored the Tiger touchdown on a 5-yard run up the middle. Chrystyle Caldwell ran in the two-point conversion as Elba went on top 8-0 with 10:35 still left in the first quarter.

Elba began its next series at its own 40-yardline after a Bears punt and this time went 60 yards in five plays to add to its early advantage. Brayden Johnson rushed for 42 yards on two carries to lead the Tigers down the field, and scored the touchdown on a 27-yard gallop. A low snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 4:35 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 14-0.

Cottonwood showed signs of life on its ensuing possession as the Bears marched 60 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Kaden Simmons completed three passes for 48 yards to spark the scoring drive, while Artavious Shipmon capped the drive with a 4-yard scoring run. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 34-seconds remaining in the opening quarter the Elba lead had been chopped to 14-6.

Elba went right back to work on its next offensive series and drove 55 yards in seven plays to extend its lead. A 34-yard dash by JT Coleman was a key play in the scoring drive, while Alvin Henderson scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard run off tackle. Alex Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers lead grew to 21-6 with 9:27 left in the second quarter.

Elba began its next possession at its own 28-yardline after a fumble recovery by Kyle Smith, and the Tigers promptly set sails on a 72-yard, 12-play scoring drive that ate up almost five minutes off the clock. JT Coleman rushed for 20 yards on four carries to help lead Elba down the field, while Chrystyle Caldwell scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run. Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 57-seconds left in the half the Tigers were in command with a 28-6 lead.

Elba's Carson Wise recovered a Bears bobble on the opening kickoff of the second half and the Tigers cashed in the turnover on just one play as Chrystyle Caldwell took a handoff and rambled 32 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:46 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers lead was up to 34-6.

Elba began its next possession at the Cottonwood 43-yardline after a defensive stop and from there the Tigers needed four plays to get back into the endzone. A 30-yard scamper by Byron Burks was a big play in the short scoring drive, and Burks scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run. The extra-point try again failed; however, with 8:08 left in the third quarter the Tigers had blown it open by opening up a 40-6 lead.

Cottonwood refused to quit despite the mounting deficit and went 54 yards in only three plays on its ensuing possession to reach the endzone. A 30-yard pass completion on a tipped pass from Kaden Simmons to Dylan McCardle was a key play in the scoring drive, while Artavious Shipmon scored the touchdown on a 17-yard run. A two-point run failed to produce points, and with 6:43 left in the quarter the Tigers lead stood at 40-12.

Elba fumbled the ball away on the ensuing kickoff, but regained possession on a pass interception by Byron Burks



Elba Tiger cheerleader urges the Tigers to play defense in last week's 54-24 homecoming win over Cottonwood. This week the Tigers will travel to Dothan to tangle with the Providence Christian Eagles, in non-region action.

and cashed in the turnover as the Tigers went 74 yards in six plays to regain command. A 35-yard run by Brayden Johnson and a 15-yard pass from Johnson to Peyton McCart helped the Tigers race down the field, while Alvin Henderson capped the drive with a 2-yard td run. Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 2:44 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 47-12.

The Elba defense turned back a Bears scoring threat with a fourth down stop at the Elba 12-yardline early in the fourth quarter, and the Tiger offense again raced down the field as it went 88 yards in just three plays to put its final points of the night on the scoreboard. Alvin Henderson rushed for 85 yards in two carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a winding 41-yard scamper to highlight the long scoring march, and Alex Wisecup tacked on the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 54-12 with 10:06 left in the fourth quarter.

Cottonwood scored two touchdowns in the game's closing four minutes against the Elba reserves on a 16-yard dash by Shipmon and a 22-yard run by Raymon Bryant, but all the late scores did was change the final score as at the final horn the Tigers celebrated the big 54-24 region win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 146 yards and 3 touchdowns on 12 carries to spark the Elba offense, while Brayden Johnson rushed for 136 yards and one td on seven carries and completed 3 of 8 passes for 36 yards, JT Coleman rushed for 62 yards and one td on nine carries, Chrystyle Caldwell rushed for 50 yards and one td on four carries and Byron Burks rushed for 32 yards and one td on two totes.

Artavious Shipmon rushed for 106 yards and 3 touchdowns on 17 carries and Kyeshun Green added 64 yards on 8 carries to lead the Cottonwood ground game, while Kaden Simmons hit on 7 of 13 passes for 90 yards.

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36	Passing Yds.	110
462	Total Offense	334
3-8-0	Passes	8-14-2
4/1	Fumbles/Lost	4/2
2-34	Punts-Ave.	1-35
7-63	Penalties-Yds.	9-82

Elba School Spirit Parade
Friday, Sept. 24 1:45 p.m.
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** Due to the Homecoming Parade being cancelled last week, a "School Spirit Parade" has been planned for this Friday!

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SPORTS NEWS

Area teams step out of region play in week six



Brantley Bulldog Morrell Edwards (8) turns upfield and finds room to run in last week's big 53-0 region win over Pleasant Home.

The high school football season will begin its run toward the homestretch this week and for three of the teams in the area the sixth week brings with it a break from the region wars, with Zion Chapel being the only team in the area to host a region battle.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

New Brockton at W.S. Neal

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back from a stinging region defeat when they travel to East Brewton on Friday night to battle the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles.

New Brockton leads the all-time series 4-3, but the Gamecocks last win over the Blue Eagles was back in 1989, while W.S. Neal won the last meeting 44-25 last season.

The Gamecocks will carry a 2-2 record into the matchup with wins over Cottonwood 33-14 and Daleville 45-20, and losses to Opp 27-0 and Wicksburg 60-18. The Blue Eagles will bring an 0-4 slate into the game after losses to Excel 30-12, Vigor 41-6, Mobile Christian 29-14 and Williamson 42-0.

Barbour County at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to give the hometown fans plenty to cheer about on Friday night when they host the Barbour County Jaguars, at Bulldog Stadium.

The meeting will be the first ever between the 1A teams, since the Jaguars cancelled last year's season due to pandemic fears.

The Bulldogs will bring a 3-2 record into the contest with wins over Zion Chapel 20-12, Red Level 27-6 and Georgiana 10-6, while losing to Houston Academy 42-19 and Brantley 34-0. The Jaguars will carry a 1-4 slate into the game, with a forfeit to Stewart County, Georgia being their only win, with losses to Russell County (forfeit), Maplesville 70-0, Notasluga 73-0 and Verbena 52-0.

Samson at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be back at the friendly confines of Green Memorial Stadium Friday night when they host the Samson Tigers.

The Rebels come into Friday night's game with an 0-4 record. Their losses have been to Kinston (12-20), Abbeville (18-48), Elba (12-48) and Houston County (18-28). Samson comes into the game with a 4-1 record with wins over Marengo (12-6), Florala (30-20), Pleasant Home (18-0), and McKenzie (36-28). Samson's one loss so far this season was to Cottonwood (14-28).

Highland Home at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will take the field at David Lowery Stadium on Friday night when they host the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

Brantley leads the all-time series 54-22, has won the last seven meetings, and last season posted a 48-12 win.

The Bulldogs will bring a 3-0 record into the cross-county clash with wins over Kinston 34-0, McKenzie forfeit and Pleasant Home 53-0. The Flying Squadron will enter the game with a 2-3 slate with wins over Calhoun 49-6 and Central Coosa 61-14, and losses to Maplesville 14-13, Alabama Christian 47-6 and Luverne 41-0.

'Brockton falls hard to Wicksburg 60-18

Statistics by Brandon Speedy White
Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw an early lead vanish under a barrage of Wicksburg Panther touchdowns in a 60-18 loss, Friday night at Gamecock Stadium.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and went 80 yards in seven plays to grab an early lead in the key region clash. Jamarcus Brown rushed for 27 yards on two carries to get the drive off to a quick start, while the touchdown came on a 44-yard touchdown toss from Brayson Carr to Matthew Smith. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:35 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks were on top 6-0.

Wicksburg bounced right back to take a 7-6 lead with 6:05 left in the quarter on a 49-yard pass from Jackson Glover to Charles Snyder, and the extra-point by Glover, and then broke loose for 32 points in the second quarter to carry a big 39-6 lead in at the half.

The Panther points in the second quarter came on runs of 3, 38 and 13 yards by Jaylen Murry, while Charles Snyder added a 53-yard touchdown run and Glover connected with Peyton Crutchfield on a 31-yard td toss with just seven seconds left in the half.

Wicksburg upped its lead to 53-6 midway through the third quarter on an 8-yard scoring run by Charles Snyder and a 45-yard interception return by Eli Williams. However, New Brockton came back to life late in the quarter and with 2:33 left in the period scored its second touchdown of the night on a 19-yard pass from Brayson Carr to Tre Bolland.

A 49-yard td dash by Jaylen Murry with 2:00 left in the quarter pushed the Panther lead to 60-12, while it was the Gamecocks that scored the final points of the game late in the fourth quarter when Carr fired a 37-yard scoring pass to Anthony Silar.

Jamarcus Brown rushed for 84 yards on four carries and Drew Cashin added 25 yards rushing on six carries to lead New Brockton on the ground, while Brayson Carr completed 7 of 12 passes, with two interceptions, for 195 yards and three touchdowns. Matthew Smith pulled in two passes for 57 yards, while Jackson Lawson had one catch for 56 yards, Anthony Silar had one catch for 37 yards, Jaxon Whitworth had two catches for 26 yards, and Tre Bolland had one catch for 19 yards.

The Gamecock defense was led by Tre Bolland with 9 tackles, while Bradley Adkinson and Baylon Foster both added 5 stops, and Braxton Smith had 4 tackles.

Jaylen Murry gained 170 yards and scored 4 touchdowns on 14 carries to lead Wicksburg, while Charles Snyder added 108 yards rushing and two td's on five carries, and Jackson Glover completed 6 of 8 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) ignores the pass rush to complete a pass in last week's 53-0 win over Pleasant Home. Kilcrease tossed three touchdown passes in the region win.

Brantley Bulldogs cage Eagles 53-0

From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs returned to the football field Friday night and made quick work of the Pleasant Home Eagles as they rolled to a lopsided 53-0 region win on the road.

Tucker Kilcrease had a big night for the Bulldogs as he rushed for a 50-yard touchdown and tossed three touchdowns passes. The scoring passes included an 8-yard toss to Robert Shine, a 24-yard toss to Jordyn Parks and a 41-yard toss to Kedrick Brown.

Morrell Edwards added a 52-yard scoring dash for the Bulldogs, which rolled up 314 yards in total offense to up their record to 4-0.

Tucker passed for 103 yards in the win, while Jr. Bogan had 3 ½ tackles, including 2 ½ tackles for losses, as the Brantley defense limited Pleasant Home to 88 yards in total offense.



New Brockton Gamecock Tre Bolland (34) leads the Gamecock captains onto the field prior to last week's region clash with Wicksburg.



New Brockton Gamecock defense is up to the challenge on this play and makes a big stop.

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